# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The législature finds that as licensed medical
- 2 cannabis dispensaries are still a new and emerging industry
- 3 since their establishment in 2015, most production centers and
- 4 facilities have only been operating for less than two years.
- 5 The legislature further finds that there may be situations where
- 6 the leadership within a licensed dispensary has changed;
- 7 however, existing law does not provide a process for the sale or
- 8 transfer of any significant interest in a licensed dispensary.
- Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide a
- 10 process for the voluntary or involuntary sale or transfer of a
- 11 dispensary license.
- 12 SECTION 2. Chapter 329D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 14 and to read as follows:
- 15 "§329D- Sale or transfer of dispensary license. (a) In
- 16 the event of death, legal incapacity, or permanent disability of
- 17 an individual dispensary licensee, the relevant entity licensee



- 1 shall notify the department within thirty days of the individual
- 2 licensee's inability to continue in the individual's capacity as
- 3 a licensee, and shall provide to the department within another
- 4 thirty days a plan for the sale or transfer of the individual
- 5 license to another individual who shall meet all the
- 6 requirements under this chapter and shall have been a resident
- 7 of the State for not less than five years preceding the date of
- 8 transfer.
- 9 (b) In the event of a voluntary resignation by an
- 10 individual licensee, termination of an individual licensee's
- 11 employment with an entity licensee with or without cause, or any
- 12 other permanent separation of the relationship between an
- 13 individual licensee and an entity licensee, the relevant entity
- 14 licensee shall submit a plan to the department for approval at
- 15 least thirty days prior to any sale or transfer of the
- 16 individual license to another individual who shall meet all the
- 17 requirements under this chapter and shall have been a resident
- 18 of the State for not less than five years preceding the date of
- 19 transfer.

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1 (c) The department may deny a request for transfer of
2 ownership if it deems the transferee has failed to meet all the
3 requirements of section 329D-3 for ownership."
4 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

## Report Title:

Department of Health; Cannabis; License; Dispensary; Sale or Transfer of License

### Description:

Provides a process for the voluntary or involuntary sale or transfer of an individual dispensary license. Effective 7/1/2050. (Proposed SD1)

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